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Brandon Citizens' Band

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9111>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Creator: Martel

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1AF4

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1913

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Brandon Citizens' Band

Notes: 2nd from left, second row from front: Benjamin Thomas Stuckey; Standing behind big drum: Wm. "Billy" Graham; From Roy Brown.

Name Access: Brandon Citizens' Band

Subject Access: organizations

music

musicians

Brandon lodges, associations & musical groups

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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Brandon City Band

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9113>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Creator: A.C. Davidson

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1AF3

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1907

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Brandon City Band

Notes: Top row (l-r): F. Scott, A. McPhail, W. Marshall, L. Neilly, W. Lemay, W.G. Stuckey, W. Murdock, A. Smith, W. McLean, R. Barrett. 2nd row: W. Graham, M. Parkin, B. Treherne, J. Whitney, Geo. Mutter, L. Hammell, T. Rife, E. Rife, L. Purdon, E. Mathewson, J. Scott. 3rd row: J. Ober, A. Ober, F. Lepard, T. Mathewson, Paul Joubert, T.H. Miller, T.H. Farrar, E. Teeple, F. Harriet, F.A. Lewis. Bottom row: B. Neumeyer, Frank Parks, O. Olson, H. Lepard, W. Broadie, G. Sherman, B.T. Stuckey, Gordon Sampson, Frank Harris. T.H. Miller was band leader, W. Graham was secretary. A.C. Davidson was also a member but does not appear because he was the professional photographer; From George Lepard.

Name Access: Brandon City Band

Subject Access: organizations

music

musicians

Brandon lodges, associations & musical groups

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Brandon City O.Y.B. Band

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9112>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1AF5

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: July 12, 1915

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Brandon City O.Y.B. Band

Notes: Names written on a piece of paper inside the envelope are now on the label. Top row (l-r): (boy), ?, Arnold Rice, Frank Roberts, Jack Pritchard, Tom Prue, ?, ?, Ab. Scott, ?, ?, Anthony Rogerson, ?, Bill Fisher, Al. Crane, (boy). 2nd row: Angus Munroe, Harry McKenzie, Adam Petrick, ?, Cec. Arthur, Alex. Pue (band leader), Temp. Roberts, Jack Melhuish, Dan Craig. 3rd row: ?, ?, Gordon Rice, Harry Wells (drummer), Roy Rice, W. Hayward, Bill McRory; Source: Mr. P.K. Roberts

Name Access: Brandon City O.Y.B. Band

Subject Access: organizations

music

musicians

Brandon lodges, associations & musical groups

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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Brandon City Orange Band

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9104>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1AF2

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [18-?]

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Brandon City Orange Band

Name Access: Brandon City Orange Band

Subject Access: religions

Christianity

organizations

fraternities

music

musicians

Brandon lodges, associations & musical groups

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Location Copy: 1-2002.3.9.53

Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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Masonic Lodge

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9103>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1AF1

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [19-?]

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Masonic Lodge

Notes: Courtesy of Mrs. E. Harden

Name Access: Masonic Lodge

Subject Access: organizations

Freemasons

Brandon lodges, associations & musical groups

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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Kiwanis Convention, 1928

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9114>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1AF6

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: August 23 or 24, 1928

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Kiwanis Convention at old Country Club (Brandon Golf & Country Club)

Notes: The mural at the entrance of the Olde Tyme Restaurant in Gallery Mall was made from this copy neg.

Name Access: Kiwanis Convention, 1928

Subject Access: organizations

fraternities

service clubs

Kiwanis

Brandon lodges, associations & musical groups

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

Images





Loyal Order of Moose

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9121>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1AF10

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: July 1911

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

The Loyal Order of Moose - parade float

Name Access: Loyal Order of Moose

Subject Access: organizations

fraternities

service clubs

parades

Brandon lodges, associations & musical groups

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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Imperial Dance Gardens (interior)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9117>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Creator: E. Jerrett

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1AF8b

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1941

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

History /

Biographical:

Named "Imperial" as building was owned by Imperial Oil Co., which had offices on the ground floor.

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Imperial Dance Gardens (showing patrons). Inset: Jack Jewsbury - opened Imperial in the spring of 1934

Notes:

Photo from Roy Brown

Located on the east side of the 200 block of Tenth Street

Additional information provided by the Fred McGuinness collection (20-2009).

Name Access: Imperial Dance Gardens (interior)

Subject Access: social events

dance halls

dance

music

musicians

Brandon lodges, associations & musical groups

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

Images





Imperial Dance Gardens (bandstand)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9118>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Creator: E. Jerrett

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1AF8c

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1941

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

History /

Biographical:

Named "Imperial" as building was owned by Imperial Oil Co., which had offices on the ground floor. Located on the east side of Tenth Street, south of Princess Avenue.

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Imperial Dance Gardens (bandstand). Inset: Jack Jewsbury - opened Imperial in the spring of 1934.

Notes:

From Roy Brown collection

Additional historical information provided by the Fred McGuinness collection (20-2009).

Name Access: Imperial Dance Gardens (bandstand)

Subject Access: social events

dance halls

dance

music

musicians

Brandon lodges, associations & musical groups

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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Boys Pipe Band 1934

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11332>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Item Number: 11-2010.B36
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: after 1954
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of an earlier photograph taken in 1934, of the Boys Pipe Band.

Name Access: CKX Television
Boys Pipe Band
Subject Access: bands
musicians
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Wheat City Lodge #464

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9119>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1AF9

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: October 1911

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Wheat City Lodge #464 BofLF&E 10th Street

Notes: Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen (CPR); Brandon Roller Rink (Caledonian Rink), east side, 200 block of 10th Street.

Name Access: Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Wheat City Lodge #464

Subject Access: organizations

labour unions

railways

Canadian Pacific Railway

Brandon lodges, associations & musical groups

Repro Restriction: The McKee Archives is the copyright holder for the Stuckey materials.

Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

Images





Imperial Dance Gardens (exterior)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9116>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1AF8a

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1940

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

History /

Biographical:

Named "Imperial" as building was owned by Imperial Oil Co., which had offices on the ground floor.

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Imperial Dance Gardens (crowd at 10th Street entrance)

Notes: From Roy Brown collection

Name Access: Imperial Dance Gardens (exterior)

Subject Access: social events

dance halls

dance

music

Brandon lodges, associations & musical groups

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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LAFALOT

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9122>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1AF11

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: July 1908

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

LAFALOT - a traveling show group

Name Access: LAFALOT

Subject Access: entertainers

travelling entertainers

performing artists

Brandon lodges, associations & musical groups

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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Brandon boys' pipe band

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8635>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Creator: Clarke J. Smith, Brandon

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.9

Item Number: 1-2002.3.9.13

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1934

Physical Description: 9.75" x 6.75" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

The organization of the boys' pipe band was initiated by a group of citizens of Scottish origin in 1934. The same group engaged an instructor for the band from Scotland; the kilts were discovered in Park School and permission was given by the School Board for their use by the band.

Scope and Content:

Portrait of the first Brandon Boys' Pipe Band. Back Row (L to R): Doug Robertson, Bob Patterson, Charlie Creighton, Bernard Redman, Harold Creighton, Ewan Wallace. Centre Row (L to R): Jim Summers, Don Manson, Bill Manson, Gordon Sinclair, Jim Reid, Norm Milne. Front Row (L to R): Drum Major Bill Redman, Stirling Wallace, Ken Creighton, Pipe Major Jimmie Kay.

Notes: Photograph appears in Mary Hume's *Brandon: A Prospect of a City*, p. 129. History/Bio information is from that book.

Repro Restriction: The McKee Archives is the copyright holder for the Stuckey materials.

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer

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Regimental Band, 181st Battalion

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9124>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1AG2

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1916

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Regimental Band, 181st (Overseas) Battalion, at Camp Hughes

Name Access: Regimental Band, 181st Battalion

Subject Access: armed forces

army

military personnel

World War I

music

musicians

Brandon military people & associations

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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Earl Haig Orchestra

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14001>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.71

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1930

Physical Description: 4.25" x 2.5" (b/w)

Physical Condition: Photograph is stamped on the back

Custodial History:
Photograph was given to Fred McGuinness by Linda Bilkoski (nee Lepard) of Lac du Bonnet, MB.

Scope and Content:
Photograph shows a group of young students holding violins standing on the steps in front of Earl Haig School.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Edith (Harden) Lepard, Russell Scott, Phyllis Howick, Miss Brown (conductor), Orville Studen, Pete Teresko, Beth McLean, and Andy Teva. "Earl Haig Orchestra" 1930.

Name Access: Earl Haig School
Edith Harden

Subject Access: music education
musical clubs
musicians

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Related Material: See McG 9 1-2015.72

Arrangement:
McG 4.1 File 27

Images





Earl Haig Orchestra

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14002>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.72

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1930]

Physical Description: 4.25" x 2.5" (b/w)

Physical Condition: Photograph is stamped on the back

Custodial History:

Photograph was given to Fred McGuinness by Linda Bilkoski (nee Lepard) of Lac du Bonnet, MB.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a group of young students holding violins standing on the lawn in front of Earl Haig School. One musician holds a trophy or plaque.

Notes: Students in this photograph are consistent with another in this collection (1-2015.71), Edith (Harden) Lepard, Russell Scott, Phyllis Howick, Orville Studen, Pete Teresko, Beth McLean, and Andy Teva.

Name Access: Earl Haig School

Edith Harden

Subject Access: music education

musical clubs

musicians

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Related Material: See McG 1-2015.71

Arrangement:

McG 4.1 File 27

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Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14288>

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Fonds

Accession Number: 8-2001, 13-2016

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1965-1980, predominant 25 May 1965 - 30 September 1976

Physical Description: 12 cm textual records
6 b/w photographs (loose)
1 artefact

Physical Condition: Some of the items in the scrapbook have come loose from their pages, some documents are stained from a liquid, likely coffee

History /

Biographical:

In 1965, Chris Verhoef, member of the Overture Concert Association, Allied Arts Centre, and Brandon Citizens' Committee for the Performing Arts, called for a meeting of Western Manitoba citizens interested in the prospect of a Philharmonic Choir for the region. The meeting took place on 26 May 1965; the steering committee that gathered, led by Margaret Goodman, undertook the formation of the Choir. The Choir would have an Executive consisting of at least four members, and a committee consisting of a minimum seven members. Each executive member would be elected on an annual basis. The Choir's executive, in collaboration with the conductor, would determine the choir's repertoire for the year. The establishment of the Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir (WMPC) sought to encourage amateurs to sing for enjoyment, provide the opportunity for a choir to perform choral compositions in collaboration with a symphony orchestra and promote and sponsor the musical arts in the Western Manitoba region. Membership to the choir would be open to all citizens of the region, and members would be accepted based on the discretion of the conductor. The first meeting of prospective members took place on 27 September 1965 in St. Matthews Cathedral parish Hall where more than 90 people gathered and registered to become a member of the WMPC.

Chris Verhoef led the Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir into its first season as President of the choir's Executive Committee. For the organization's first season, the WMPC hired two members of the Brandon College School of Music: Lucien Needham for the position of conductor and Louise Chapman for the position of accompanist. Brandon College, as well as other donors sponsored the choir for its first season. The Choir held its debut performance in collaboration with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra (WSO) on 12 March 1966, and the Choir's performance of Vivaldi's Gloria and Handel's Dettingen te Deum attracted an audience of more than 1400 people. The performance was well received by the public. The debut performance's success earned the Choir a recommendation for a grant from the Manitoba Centennial Corporation that would sponsor a special concert during the centennial year. Furthermore, the Canada Council supported the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, by the means of special funds, to make the Symphony's appearance with the Philharmonic Choir possible.

For the WMPC's second season, membership rose to 111 amateur singers. Verhoef remained as President of the Executive, while the Brandon Citizens' Committee for the Performing Arts provided sponsorship. Following the Choir's performance of Schubert's Mass in E-flat Major on 17 November 1966, the membership increased to 132 singers. On 20 January 1967, the WMPC's first taped broadcast was released over CBC and CKX. The broadcast's success resulted in an offer from CBC to record another broadcast for a similar release. The Kiwanis Club of Rivers invited the Choir to perform in Rivers on 25 January 1967. On 7 April 1967, the Choir performed Haydn's oratorio, The Creation, in the Brandon College Gymnasium.

The choir elected Murray Ames as President to lead it through its third and fourth seasons. In its third season, the WMPC, conducted by Leonard Mayoh, performed Handel's Messiah on 22 November 1967 in the Brandon University Gymnasium. The Choir's spring concert, named the "Chris Verhoef Memorial Concert" in honour of Chris Verhoef who had passed away

the "Chris Verhoef Memorial Concert," in honour of Chris Verhoef who had passed away December 1967, featured works by Bach, Brahms and Perry. Held on 9 March 1968, in the Brandon University Gymnasium, the concert featured Brandon university student James Stewart as soloist and was received with great praise. In addition to the memorial concert, the WMPC also established a \$500 scholarship for a Brandon University music student to honour Verhoef's substantial contribution to the community.

The first concert of the Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir's fourth season was held on 10 December 1968, in the J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre at Brandon University and featured selections from Handel's Messiah. A piano trio comprised of Francis Chaplin (violin), Malcom Tait (cello) and Gordon Macpherson (piano), as well as a brass trio, also performed at the choir's winter concert. In its fourth season, the WMPC performed two concerts in the second half of its season. On 15 February 1969, in cooperation with CKX Radio and Television, the choir performed works by Mozart, Hindemith, and Mahler in collaboration with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra conducted by George Cleve. Later in the season, the choir performed Brahms' Requiem Mass, once again in collaboration with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. R. Parker filled the position of President of the Executive for the duration of the Choir's fifth, sixth and seventh seasons. The fifth season saw the WMPC performing four concerts. Conducted by Leonard Mayoh, it opened its season on 11 October 1969 with a performance at the Grand Finale of the Grand Opening of the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium, performing the overture to Mozart's *The Magic Flute* and Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9*. Their Christmas concert, also conducted by Mayoh, took place on 10 December 1969. The Choir's third concert of its fifth season was held on 31 January 1970, in cooperation with CKX Radio and Television, and featured works by Mendelssohn, Ravel, and Schubert, in collaboration with the WSO under the direction of conductor George Cleve. The season concluded with another concert in collaboration with the WSO on 7 March 1970, conducted by Leonard Mayoh. This concert featured works by Vaughn Williams, Handel and Poulenc.

Seasons six and seven consisted of two concerts each. The Choir held its fifth annual Christmas Concert on 5 December 1970. Led by Leonard Mayoh, it performed its spring concert on 10 April 1971 in collaboration with members from the Winnipeg Symphony, featuring selections by Bach and Mozart in the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium. In its seventh season, the Choir performed Bach's Christmas Oratorio on 4 December 1971 in the Central United Church. For its final concert of the year, the WMPC revisited a piece that had been the main focus of its second season: Haydn's oratorio, *The Creation*. The Choir performed this Haydn masterwork on 8 April 1972 under the direction of Piero Gamba.

Helen Riesberry led the choir through its eighth and ninth seasons as President of the Executive. In its eighth season, the WMPC held its annual Christmas concert on 12 December 1972 in collaboration with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra in the style of a sing-along led by Mitch Miller. The choir's spring concert featured another masterwork, Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*, conducted by Piero Gamba. The WMPC and members of the WSO performed the Requiem Mass on 28 April 1973 at the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium. Despite the lack of attendance at rehearsals since the Christmas concert, the WMPC presented an overall effective performance of the challenging Requiem Mass.

In its ninth season, Derek Morphy took over the position of conductor from Leonard Mayoh. Morphy had his debut performance as conductor with the WMPC at the annual Christmas concert on 17 December 1973. In March 1974, in collaboration with members from the WSO, Morphy led the Choir in its performance of Mendelssohn's oratorio, *Elijah*, in the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium. Later in the season, the choir performed a concert entitled "Reflections," a choral programme for Lent and Easter, accompanied by organist Arthur Bower.

Nearing the end of its ninth season, the Philharmonic Choir encountered severe financial challenges. The Choir released a notice in the newspaper that the anticipated \$3000 grant

from the Manitoba Arts Council had been cut to \$1000, leaving the Choir \$3100 in debt. The notice explained that the Choir needed funds in order to enable operation and continue hiring the WSO for concerts. The WMPC executive and committee held a Leonard Mayoh Night in an attempt to gain funds and donations. Although the Manitoba Arts Council raised the grant to \$2000 and the City of Brandon contributed \$500, the Choir's financial situation remained in a dire state as its ninth season came to a close.

The Choir elected Edith Hayden to lead it through its tenth and eleventh seasons as President of the Executive. The opening of the tenth season challenged the WMPC. In addition to its financial woes, the Choir's Executive struggled to overcome the lack of attendance at rehearsals and the shortage of male voices. The WMPC had experienced membership issues in earlier seasons as well. In its third season, despite a membership of 130 individuals, the choir had struggled to create a balanced sound due to a lack of male membership and therefore a lack of lower voices. In its sixth season, the Choir opened their concert year with an appeal for members. In an effort to improve the choir's financial affairs, the Choir Executive and conductor decided against hiring the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra for the time being. In an attempt to improve the situation, Derek Morphy wrote a letter to the members of the Choir outlining his concern that he may not be meeting their expectations as a conductor but hoped to generate positive and hopeful prospects for the future of music-making together.

The Choir's annual Christmas concert featured a collaboration with the Brandon School Division Music Department and Brandon School Orchestra and Band Association, as well as dancers choreographed by Barbra Enhes. The WMPC performed Haydn's Mass in D minor at its spring concert on 27 April 1975, accompanied by Arthur Bower. By the end of the season, the Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir's financial situation had begun to improve.

The WMPC hired conductor Peter Allen to lead the Choir through its final season of operation. The Choir held its annual Christmas concert in the Central United Church on 7 December 1975, and featured Vivaldi's Gloria, accompanied by pianist Barry Anderson. The choir performed Deller's Psalm 148, Telemann's Cantata for the Fourth Sunday after the Feast of the Three Kings, and Dvorak's Stabat Mater at its spring concert held at the Central United Church on 25 April 1976.

Despite its best efforts, the Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir's first rehearsal of its twelfth season saw just 26 members in attendance. As a result of lack of membership, the Choir Executive decided to disband the WMPC for its 1976/1977 season, with plans to reassess the situation in September of 1977 for the prospect of a 1977/1978 season. Matters were further complicated by financial considerations; by June 1977 the choir's financial situation had worsened as a result of the administrative fees that the WMPC covered for the duration of its unexpected inactive 1976/1977 season. Unlike past years, there were not any ticket sales to cover such expenses.

Following its year off, membership interest in the Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir did not increase and the decision was made not to return for another season. In 1980, the WMPC revoked its registration as an organization and officially ceased to exist.

Custodial History:

Records in the 8-2001 accession were donated to the McKee Archives in 2001, by three representatives of the Philharmonic Choir: Dr. Bill Paton, Botany Department, Brandon University; Mrs. Edith Hayden, WMPC President; and Mary Davidson WMPC Archives Committee. Records in accession 13-2016 were given to Terry Stamper in the School of Music by Marilyn Hayden and then transferred to the McKee Archives on September 21, 2015.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of records that document the origin, activities, and ultimate disbandment of the Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir. These records were created and accumulated during the eleven year existence of the WMPC.

Records include: the organization's constitution and history from 1965-1968; financial records, which include grants received from the Manitoba Arts Council, Canada Council, and City of Brandon, as well as materials documenting the organization's financial struggles from 1974-1976; minutes from executive and committee meetings from 18 June 1973 to 24 June 1974; correspondence in the form of letters between the president of the executive and the choir members, and between the conductor of the choir and its members; membership lists from each season of the WMPC; and concert programmes from every major Christmas and Spring concert that the organization performed. Fonds also contains newspaper notices, advertisements and reviews of various performances, as well as posters advertising performances of the WMPC in the 1967/68, 1970/71, 1971/72 and 1973/74 seasons; the posters advertise the choir, collaborators, patrons and featured works.

Also included in the fonds is a scrapbook detailing the choir's history. Each page of the scrapbook is decorated with hand painted images of plants native to the southwestern Manitoba region. The scrapbook includes concert programs and photographs of the choir from all years of the organization's operation. The scrapbook also contains an assortment of informal photographs from various WMPC events. There are also six black and white group photos of the WMPC from various seasons.

Finally, the fonds contains one artifact, a leather bag/zippered file folder with "WMPC" printed on it.

Notes: History/Bio information was provided by representatives of the Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir. Copies of the history can be found in the fonds. Description by Jessi Gilchrist (October 2016).

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Margaret Goodman
St. Matthews Cathedral
Lucien Needham
Louise Chapman
Manitoba Centennial Corporation
Canada Council
Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra
Brandon College
Kiwanis Club
CKX
Helen Reisberry
Mary Donovan
Tom Inglis
Humphrey Davies
Muriel Bain
H.V. Kidd
Eileen Christ
Brandon College Auditorium
CBC Radio
J.M. Donovan

Murray Ames
Dr. R. Parker
Henry Stein
Ernie Pearn
Gerry Streuber
Dorothy McLean
Mayme Tucker
Margaret George
Bob Blair
Bud Keenan
Marilyn Johnston
Sister Mary Rose
Lou Brown
Jeanine Baker
Muriel Patmore
Leonard Mayoh
Jim Cory
Eric Davies
Phil Ricou
Elaine Dechka
Lester Spinaze
Archie Miller
High Rest
Lorna hamilton
Ruth Cutforth
Ollie Timkiw
Thelma Findogasson
A. Bayne
Dick Vanderveen
Lee Donnelly
M. Rogosin
Ken Nichols
Manitoba Arts Council
Piero Gamba
Mary Graham
Reuben Gurevich
Leonard Stone
Brandon Area Foundation
Arthur Bower
Derek Murphy
Judy Pringle
Irma Peters
John Martens
Robert Publow
Brandon Citizens' Committee for the Performing Arts

Brandon Musical Supply
P.A. Kennedy
Bond Books
Brandon Public Library
Phylis Thomson
Hilda Miller
Arthur Janzen
Walter Deller
Nora Needham
Jean Dorian
Margaret hammond
Eileen Blain
Brian Bailey
Brandon College Gymnasium
Brandon University School of Music
G.R. Rowe
Sylvia Richardson
Peter Koslowsky
Nelson Lohnes
James Stewart
Francis Chaplin
Malcolm Tait
Gordon Macpherson
J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre
Lorne Watson
Donald Henry
Lawrence Jones
Alice Hekster
Walter Hekster
Hilda Dridger
Elizabeth Grant
Dorothy Froese
Robert Ford
James Mendenhall
Colin Cooper
Allison Ryles
Joy Crawford
Audrey Farnell
Maxine Miller
Smith Miller
Brandon Sun
Barbra Ehnes
Brandon School Division Music Department
Brandon School Orchestra and Band Association
Barbra Landry

Subject Access:	philharmonic choirs amateur choirs amateur musicians symphony orchestra philharmonic classical music performance ensemble cultural organizations music community organizations
Storage Location:	2001 accessions
Related Material:	School of Music records Lorne Watson collection Lawrence Jones collection Brandon Women's Musical Club fonds Francis Chaplin collection Brandon Festival of the Arts fonds Fred McGuinness collection CKX fonds Music and the Brandon Community collection



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Series Number: W
Item Number: 11-2010.W31b
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1969
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative

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Scope and Content:

Image of a band playing.

Name Access: CKX
Western Union
Subject Access: persons
musicians
musical acts

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





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